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A BILL FOR

1 An Act establishing a local government public safety grant fund
2 and making an appropriation.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 80.48 Local government public
2 safety grant fund.

3 1. *a.* A local government public safety grant fund is
4 created in the state treasury under the control of the
5 department. The fund shall consist of all moneys appropriated
6 to the fund.

7 b. Beginning with the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2020,
8 and each fiscal year thereafter, there is appropriated from
9 the general fund of the state to the department the sum of one
10 million dollars for deposit in the local government public
11 safety grant fund.

12 2. Moneys in the local government public safety grant
13 fund are appropriated to the department for the purpose
14 of providing grants to local governments for updating and
15 purchasing equipment relating to local and volunteer fire
16 fighter and emergency response public safety purposes, updating
17 and purchasing infrastructure relating to local and volunteer
18 fire fighter and emergency response public safety purposes,
19 and paying local volunteer fire fighters' costs and fees for
20 any necessary training provided by the fire service training
21 bureau. The department shall adopt rules establishing a grant
22 application process. Grants shall not be provided to any
23 privately owned first response or emergency service company or
24 corporation.

25 3. Notwithstanding section 12C.7, subsection 2, interest or
26 earnings on moneys deposited in the fund shall be credited to
27 the fund. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys credited to the
28 fund shall not revert at the close of a fiscal year.

29	EXPLANATION
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30 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
31 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

32 This bill establishes the local government public safety
33 grant fund under the control of the department of public
34 safety. The bill provides for a standing appropriation of
35 \$1 million each fiscal year from the general fund to the

1 department for deposit in the fund. Moneys in the fund are
2 appropriated to the department for grants to local governments
3 for equipment, infrastructure, and training costs related to
4 local and volunteer fire fighter and emergency response public
5 safety purposes. The bill restricts providing grants to a
6 privately owned first response or emergency service company or
7 corporation. The bill further provides that moneys in the fund
8 shall not revert at the end of a fiscal year and that interest
9 or earnings on moneys deposited in the fund shall be credited
10 to the fund.